



Office of the National Ombudsman

Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Kansas City, MO

Small business owners will have an opportunity to discuss issues regarding Federal regulatory compliance and enforcement during this Forum.

Have you or a small business owner you know been unfairly fined or penalized by a Federal government agency, or is a Federal agency enforcement action imminent?

WHO: SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens, members of the Region VII Regulatory Fairness Board and representatives of Federal regulatory agencies will hear issues and comments about Federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions. Small business owners, representatives of trade associations and community and business leaders are invited to participate, comment about compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies and to learn more about the impact of federal regulations on small businesses and the services of the National Ombudsman and RegFair Board.

WHAT: To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among Federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness forums across the nation. Issues addressed at this forum will be directed to the appropriate Federal regulatory agency for a higher-level review of fairness than that in the enforcement action. In many instances, the National Ombudsman's action has resulted in Federal agencies reducing or waiving penalties and/or compliance actions in cases of unfair or excessive regulatory enforcement.

WHERE: Kansas City District Office
US Small Business Administration
1000 Walnut, Suite 500 (Fifth floor)
Kansas City, MO 64106

WHEN: Tuesday, July 22, 2008
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Registration
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Public Hearing with National Ombudsman and RegFair Board

Small business owners may testify regarding federal regulatory actions taken against them during the forum by registering in advance. To RSVP, please call the SBA's Kansas City District Office at (816) 426-4900, or send an e-mail to gary.cook@sba.gov.

Testimony may be submitted in writing in advance or at the forum. Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the forum.

PARKING will be available (all non-reserved spots) in the 1025 Main Garage off of Main Street, and tickets can be validated at the hearing. For additional information, visit www.sba.gov/ombudsman, or call José Méndez at (202) 205-6178.



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